

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1764  
HYNDMAN et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/822,507 ) Examiner: DOUGLAS  
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                                )     AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of January 7, 2009. Applicants do not believe that any fees are owed for the filing of this Amendment and Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.